Thos Bodley
Nov. 9th 1812

His Excellency
Gov. Shelby
By Peter Frankfort Ky

Lexington Nov. 9th 1812

D. Sir, I returned to this place last Tuesday Week, for the purpose of getting some fresh teams & forwarding the Cloathing & Supplies for the leftwing of the N.W. Army — and was in hopes it would have been in my power to have paid you a visit in Frankfort before my return — but I have been so buisely engaged in paying off the Waggons that I had out with the Army & in procuring others that I find it now impracticable to go to Frankfort. Col. Morrison has purchased a great number of Ox teams & Pack horses, & has left M. Pindell & myself to get them on as soon as possible — every exertion has been made to get drivers for the

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teams & packhorses, but the advanced state of the season & the prospect of bad weather & roads, alarms them & prevents them from engaging — a great many could be got if they had an assurance that they would get Credit for a tour of duty in the Militia, — Colo Morison suggested the Idea and Mr Pinson has urged me to address you on the Subject — I confess I am at a loss to say whether Yr Excellency or any other person has the power to give that assurance — but if it could be done, it would very much facilitate the forwarding of Supplies & render essential Services to the Public — Men could be engaged who could not otherwise be got — they would not be willing to undergo all

the hardships & difficulties of
a severe Winter Campaign
for the wages given, and then
be ~~drafted~~ drafted & obliged to reform
another Campaign in the Spring
but if they could by serving
two or three Months this Winter
~~get Credit~~ as Packhorses drivers
or Waggoners, get credit for a Term
of duty they would readily engage

If it is possible to give Effect
an assurance, & you think proper
to do it will you be so good
as write me on the subject —
Col. Morison left here last
Thursday & I shall set out
for the left wing of the Army
on ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday next —
If you have any Communi
cations for that Quarter I will
~~wait~~ attend with Pleasure — P.S. so
you are to write me by the bearer
I am with much respect & Esteem
Thos. Bodley

P.S. I have acted since the date of my letter to the Governor & Genl. Scott as Genl. Officers, who has due Commissions for the Militia — P.S. so I do not think it necessary to detain the Express for the Contents

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Governor Shelby

Louisville Oct. 31st 1812

Dear Sir

I have this Evening been favored with your Excellency's Letter of the 28th Instant on the Subject of the Contributions of Cloathing for the Army, and wherein you are pleased to Authorise me to Receive and forward them on to Vincennes; I am entirely disposed to do every thing in my Power to expedite the forwarding Supplies of this kind to our poor fellows who must be suffering for want of them, there is a Circumstance which I presume your Excellency has not been made acquainted with, which in some measure supersedes the necessity of the appointment you have been pleased to bestow on me, a Capt. Willm. Sampson is now at this place who has Authority from Colo. Butler D. Q. M. G to provide for the exportation of all Supplies of every kind what ever, for the use of the Army under Genl. Hopkins, he has now Receipted for and will I am informed put on board of Boats to Morrow Cloathing which has been Collected at this place 17 Blankets 24 pr. Pantaloons, 53 Roundabouts, 2 Shirts, 48 pr Shoes, 164 pr Socks & 62 pr Gloves, the Greater part of those Articles were put on board a

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Boat a few days ago and Started from Shipping port, but unfortunately got Stove before it had proceeded more than One Mile, the Boxes were all saved the Cloathing dryed, and I am informed will be put on board another Boat to morrow, those Articles had been receivd in part by Messrs Gwathmey & Fitzhugh who were appointed a Committee by the Citizens of this place to receive such Articles as might be forwarded to them and part by Doctr Richd Ferguson who had handed about a Subscription previous to the appointment of the Committee, I dont know what or whether any arrangements are made in the Lower Counties for the reception of Cloathing, and I am at a loss who to appoint at Henderson Town to Receive the Articles in that Quartier, not having a single acquaintance that I know of residing in that place, I have thought proper to request Capt Sampson to direct the person having charge of his boat, to call at Henderson and make enquiry if any Articles of Cloathing have been deposited there and if there are to direct him to receipt for them and take them on Board the Boat, I wish you would appoint some person at Henderson to Receive and forward such Articles

as maybe received there and Notify in the papers the person so appointed, as it will not be in my power to go there without great inconvenience, and dont know who to write to, I presume you can be informd of some person whom you may think proper to appoint in that Quarter, and it would be much more agreeable to me to attend to those only that may be brought to this place, please to let me know, by Tuesdays mail if you will make such an appointment, I will give Notice in those Counties that will probably choose to send to this place in preference to Henderson and if necessary have them forwarded by employing Waggons or Otherwise, but Capt. Sampson informs me he expects to return to this place from Cincinnati in ten or Twelve days with Authority from the Q. M. or General Hopkins to continue forwarding supplies of every kind for the Army which may supersede the necessity of my doing any thing more than collecting the Articles to this place; I am extremely sorry to inform you of the disagreeable accounts by some of our Rifle men returned to this place last night

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they say the whole of the Rifle men are returning without doing any thing, that the whole Army Guides and all got lost and could not find the place they were destined for, my God what a Tale I shall expect to hear from you by Tuesdays Mail

I am Very Respectfully
Your Excellency's
Most Obedt. Servt.
Abr. Hite

Govr. Wm. Hite
31st Oct. 1812

Talmouth Ky
25st Oct

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His Excellency
Isaac Shelby Esq
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to Clothing

Falmouth Ky, Oct 21st 1812

His Excellency Isaac Sheby Eqr. Govr. &c.

Sir I take this Oppertunity of informing that Sundry Articles of Clothing, deposited with me for the use of our Troops under Genl. Harrison, are ready & subject to your Order &c. I am Respectfully your Obt. Servt.

Press G. Kennett

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